

HOUSE RESOLUTION 31

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Hardie Vaughan Sorrels, Jr., of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Hardie Vaughan Sorrels, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrels, was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, originally from Arkansas, his late parents, Hardie Vaughan Sorrels, Sr., and Lillian Ballenger Sorrels, taught him the value of education and service to others at an early age; and

WHEREAS, after attending the University of Arkansas, Dr. Sorrels enlisted in the United States Army, heroically and honorably serving as a First Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Dr. Sorrels enrolled in the University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy, graduating first in his class in 1959; and

WHEREAS, purchasing Shannon's Drugs in 1964, Dr. Sorrels moved his family to Lebanon, Tennessee, where he ran the iconic drugstore with its famous soda fountain for several years; and

WHEREAS, later purchasing Medical Arts Pharmacy, Dr. Sorrels spent a long, distinguished, and illustrious career as a pharmacist in Wilson County, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and patients for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrels distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the State of Tennessee, participating in numerous noteworthy civic and social organizations; and

WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman and hunter, he committed his time and leadership to imparting his knowledge and skills to children as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 434, guiding fourteen Scouts to the level of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge, he maintained membership in the Memphis Chapter for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrels was an active and devoted member of First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrels enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Myra Ervin Sorrels, who survives him; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Dr. Hardie Vaughan Sorrels III and wife, Amy; David Dutro Sorrels and wife, Kim; and Dixie Rury and husband, Ron; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sorrels will also be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Hardie Vaughan Sorrels IV, Reed Howard Sorrels, Eric Ervin Sorrels, Jameson Hibbett Sorrels, Marshall Jefferson Suiter, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hardie Vaughan Sorrels, Jr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Hardie Vaughan Sorrels, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Hardie Vaughan Sorrels, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.